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Docket No. 262571US0DIV  
IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mitsuo AOKI, et al.  
SERIAL NO: 1/002,218  
FILED: December 3, 2004  
FOR: IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND TONER FOR USE IN THE METHOD

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:  
Transmitted herewith is a **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-identified application.

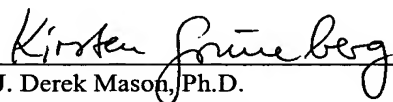
- ☒ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

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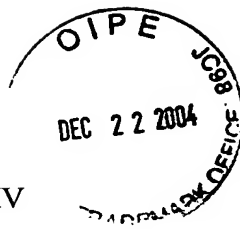
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENT**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 14 of this paper.

The **Basis for Amendment** begins on page 18 of this paper.